

4/20/80 8009171  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

AI 114

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny

Exemption(s):

Declassify: ( ) In Part ( ) In Full

( ) Classify as ( ) Extend as ( ) Downgrade to

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Declassify on \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

LS NO. 96105

RHC/BP

Spanish

[No. 8009171]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND WORSHIP

Buenos Aires, April 20, 1980

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the report prepared by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the status of human rights in Argentina, which was recently distributed in Washington by the Organization of American States.

Because of the special importance of this subject, I have instructed our representative to your distinguished government to deliver on my behalf a document, with observations and comments pertaining to this report, which constitutes the official position of the Argentine Government on this matter.

The Argentine document responds point by point to the allegations and judgments contained in the report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and for this reason I trust that it will be useful in furnishing your government with accurate information.

In bringing this document to Your Excellency's attention, I should like to point out our concern about the tendency which the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has shown in its report to interfere dangerously, and on what we consider to be insufficient and inappropriate bases, in matters which are strictly the internal affairs of a member nation of the Organization of American States.

His Excellency  
Cyrus R. Vance,  
Secretary of State,  
Washington.

LOT 82D177

BOX 8114 (2/21)

Furthermore, the report contains judgments which a sovereign government cannot accept, and whose consideration in the public deliberations of the regional organization could disturb the necessary harmony and unity among all the countries of our hemisphere which I consider essential to preserve in the complex circumstances of the current international situation.

Inspired by these ideals which we share, I wished to raise this subject with you personally since it is of such particular concern to Argentina.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signature]